



## Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM) Northwich Woodlands Events Programme 2018

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Bird Walk in Big Wood, Marbury Country Park**

How many birds can you identify in the park? No prizes, but it can be quite a challenge! Full details and checklist on [www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk](http://www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk)

Meet: 2.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: David Bullock 01606 781981

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Hedgelaying for Romantics!**

A chance to impress your loved one with your new found skill, hedgelaying! Or just enjoy the experience of this traditional craft in the magnificent surroundings of Marbury Country Park. All equipment will be provided.

Booking essential.

Meet: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park

For information and booking contact: Chris Moseley on 07946 400 675 or email:

[chris.moseley@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:chris.moseley@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Talk by Clive Brookes – 'Marbury Hall and Vale Royal: Their part in the Retreat from France 1940.'**

1940 saw over 500,000 allied troops successfully evacuated from French ports. Thousands flooded into Marbury and mid-Cheshire. This talk reveals their personal stories of escape, voyage, arrival, reception and accommodation locally.

At: Comberbach Memorial Hall 7.45 pm

For information contact: Mike Allen on 07889 303411 or email: [allenms@btinternet.com](mailto:allenms@btinternet.com)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Green Woodworking**

Spend the weekend making small items of furniture out of natural materials, such as hazel. Items will include small tables, stools and chairs. No previous woodworking experience required.

Meet: At the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge. Booking essential.

For information and booking contact: Dave James on 01606 77741 or email:

[david.james@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:david.james@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Spring Time Decorations**

Now is your chance to produce your own unique decoration. Join us to use fresh spring materials for some Easter arrangements and wreaths. Booking essential.

Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information and booking contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Bodge Chip and Whittle**

Come and join the Rangers and volunteers around the Lodge by the Rangers' office. See demonstrations or even have a go at traditional crafts including Besom Making, Wood Turning, Willow Weaving, Whittling and other similar activities.

Meet anytime between 10am and 3pm at the Lodge

For information contact: Dave James on 01606 77741 or email: [david.james@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:david.james@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

### **Spring Time in Marbury Country Park**

Bluebells aren't the only spring flowers in Marbury's Woodlands, although some may be difficult to spot. There are sweetly scented and pungent smelling plants. There are even some that are good to eat. Explore the variety of shapes, colours, aromas and flavours on this 2 hour guided walk.

Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Mary Jeeves 01606 77688

**Mondays, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Nature Walks at Anderton and Marbury**

Cheshire West and Chester, working in partnership with the Workers' Educational Association (WEA), are offering a chance to see flowers, insects, birds and mammals and visit areas of Anderton and Marbury not normally open to the public. Each walk lasts approximately 2 hours.

Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park

For information contact: Bob Percival 01928 788077

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Bluebells and Boat Lifts!**

Refresh your cultural and bodily wellbeing. Enjoy a 2 hour stroll to the Anderton Boat Lift plus a boat trip through the Lift and along the Weaver Navigation with an opportunity for refreshments at the Boat Lift Café. Then walk back to Marbury Country Park to take in the Bluebell carpet spectacular! Numbers are limited so booking is essential. There is a charge for the River and Lift trip.

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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Bluebells and Lions!**

Refresh your cultural and bodily wellbeing. Enjoy a 2 hour walk to the Lion Salt Works with a chance to take in a guided tour of the museum and grab some light refreshments. Then walk back to Marbury Country Park to take in the Bluebell carpet spectacular! Numbers are limited so booking is essential. There is a charge for the museum tour.

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**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Dawn Chorus Walk, Marbury Country Park**

Most of us have woken up to the sound of 'The Dawn Chorus', but how many of you have been out in the open to experience this or even been able to identify the individual calls? FoAM's birding experts will again lead this popular event for everyone interested in birds.

Meet: 5.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: David Bullock 01606 781981

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**FoAM AGM, Quiz and Supper**

It is unlikely that there will be a 'Mastermind black leather chair' and definitely no hot studio lights, but there will be a few 'taxing' questions – so your chance to show 'what you are made of'... and follow it up with a delicious supper. NOTE: There will be a charge for supper. Booking for Supper essential.

Meet: 7.45 pm Comberbach Memorial Hall.

For information and booking contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**Bring and Buy Plant Sale, Marbury Country Park**

This is a chance to pick up some real bargains, especially if you have that 'odd corner' of the garden that needs something, but you aren't sure what. Come and find something for house or garden at FoAM's amazing plant sale. All donations of surplus plants will be welcome.

Meet: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**Wildflowers and Lifts!**

Refresh your cultural and bodily wellbeing.

Enjoy a 2 hour stroll to the Anderton Boat Lift plus a boat trip through the Lift and along the Weaver Navigation with an opportunity for refreshments at the Boat Lift Café. Then walk back to Marbury Country Park to take in the wildflower spectacular! Booking is essential. Note: There is a charge for the River and Lift trip.

Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

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## **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

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## **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Breakfast with Moths**

Join FoAM's regular moth trappers to see the range of beautiful moths attracted to the traps on the previous night. Croissants and orange juice available for breakfast. Note: This event will take place whatever the weather!

Meet: 9.30 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Brenda Yates 01565 733197

## **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

### **Photographic Workshops**

Two digital camera workshops led by Simon Davies. The first is for true beginners who have a desire to get to grips with the basics of technical understanding. The second is for those who have attended before or photographers who already cope reasonably well with basic settings and want to develop more complex camera skills. Note: There will be a charge of £10.00 for each workshop. Booking essential.

Meet: 6.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information and booking contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688 or Graham Walker 07973 114010

## **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

### **Art in the Park**

An evening of sketching outdoors with local artist and tutor Rebecca Yoxall, using charcoal produced at Marbury, and pastel too, if you wish. In the event of bad weather, we will work in the Community Cabin. You will need to bring something to sit on! Booking is essential. Note: Donation of £10 for this three hour session.

Meet: 6.00 – 9.00 pm. At the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information and booking contact: Brenda Yates 01565 733197

## **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

### **Pond Dipping for 'Grown-Ups'**

A chance for Grown-Ups to dip in a net and spend an hour or two experiencing the wonders of pond life. Great fun and a chance to escape the bustle of daily life! Group size limited, so booking essential.

Meet: 10.00 am at Marbury Lodge.

For information and booking contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

## **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

### **Guitar Workshop in the Park**

Aimed at guitar players who already have knowledge of basic major and minor chords. This 2 hour workshop will focus on chord progressions and strumming patterns applied to popular songs. Players do not need to be able to read music to take part. Led by guitar tutor Steve Wilde. Group size is limited so booking is essential. Note: £7.00 donation for this 2 hour session.

Meet: 7.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin.

For information and booking contact: Brenda Yates 01565 733197

## **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

### **FoAM Music in the Park**

A time to relax and unwind with friends and family whilst listening to some live music played by some talented musicians. FoAM's celebration of Summer in the Park. Bring your own picnic or food to barbecue.

From: 5.00 pm at Marbury Country Park

For information contact: Sandra Head 01606 212264 or Joanne Redley 01606 44728

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Food for Free**

An opportunity to join this popular event hosted by the Rangers and FoAM at Marbury Country Park. It includes a gentle 2 hour walk followed by preparing, cooking and tasting. You may need to bring your lunch!

Meet: 10.30 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

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### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Fungal Hunts in Marbury Park**

Fungal Punk Dave returns to Marbury for another unforgettable search for fungi large and small. Some rough and sloping ground. Morning and afternoon sessions. Group numbers are limited, so booking essential.

For information and booking contact: Brenda Yates 01565 733197

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Mammal Trapping**

An opportunity to find out what mammals have ventured into the mammal traps set in Marbury Country Park.

Previous attempts to run this event have been thwarted by cold weather (the traps aren't allowed to be set if the temperature is forecast to be too cold)..so it has been brought forward – hopefully we shall be okay this time!

Meet: 9.30 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Autumn Bird Walk, Northwich Woodlands**

A chance to observe the migrating and wintering birds at Haydn's Pool, Ashton's and Neumann's Flashes. Help will be on hand to identify the many species. Make sure you wear something warm, the Flashes are quite exposed!

Meet: 10.00 am in Witton Mill Car Park, Northwich

For information contact: David Bullock 01606 781981

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Trees in the Park**

Marbury Park isn't just an open space to walk and play in, it also contains a wide variety of trees. This is a chance to learn about some of these trees and visit the Arboretum. You may even learn why a leading horticulturalist and nurseryman kept planks of a particular tree under his bed!

Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Mary Jeeves 01606 77688

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Hedgelaying for Beginners**

Over recent years, the Rangers and Volunteers at Marbury Park have been 'tidying up' many of the hedgerows around the Park. This is an opportunity to try your hand at this traditional craft and get fit in the great outdoors! All equipment will be provided.

Meet: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park. Booking essential.

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### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **FoAM's Christmas Decorations Workshop**

Come to our annual workshop to create some stunning decorations for your home from natural materials gathered in the woodlands. This is your chance to create something unique. No charge, but donations welcome.

From: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm by the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728

## **Friends of Anderton and Marbury Photographic Competition 2018**

FoAM is running its regular photographic competition with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

This competition is for photos taken in the Northwich Woodlands. The categories for entries are: Wildlife – Flora; Wildlife – Fauna; Landscape; Work, Rest and Play.

Full details and rules can be found on [www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk](http://www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk) and further information can be obtained from Jim Jeeves at 01606 77688 or [jim.foam@icloud.com](mailto:jim.foam@icloud.com)